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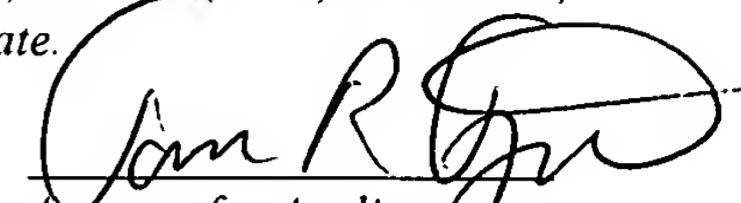
In re U.S. Application of:

Applicant(s): Richard J. Ernst  
 Serial No. 14303 (0901.68198) 10/687,451  
 Conf. No. 8743  
 Filed: October 16, 2003  
 For: ROD HANGER FOR  
 SECURING A ROD TO A  
 SUBSTRATE  
 Art Unit: 3632  
 Examiner: Epps, Todd Michael

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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January 3, 2006  
 Date

  
 John R. Fitzsimons  
 Attorney for Applicant  
 Registration No. 40,607

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	24	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	\$ 0.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment C.

( ) A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

( ) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

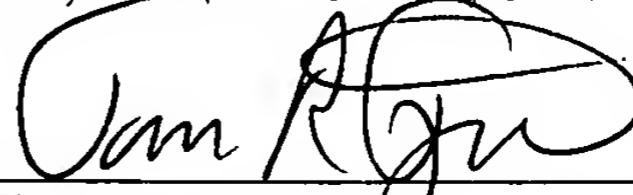
( ) Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS &amp; CRAIN, LTD.

By:   
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PATENT APPLICATION

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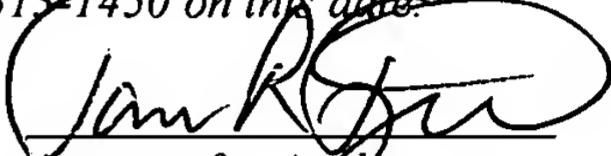
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005, the Applicant through his undersigned attorney provides the following amendments and remarks.